IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An automolding system comprising: providing a substrate having a surface in the automolding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.

- 2. (Previously presented) The automolding system of claim 1, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The automolding system of claim 1, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold; and encapsulating the substrate in the automolding system.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A molding system comprising: providing a substrate having a surface in the molding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The molding system of claim 4, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.

- 6. (Currently Amended) The molding system of claim 4, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold <u>in the molding system</u>; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 7. (Original) A system for molding comprising: providing a substrate having a surface for molding in the system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold <u>in the system</u>; and encapsulating the substrate.

Please add the following new claims:

- 10. (New) In an automolding system comprising: placing a substrate having a surface in the automolding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 11. (New) The automolding system of claim 10, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.

- 12. (New) The automolding system of claim 10, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold; and encapsulating the substrate in the automolding system.
- 13. (New) In a molding system comprising:
 placing a substrate having a surface in the molding system;
 preheating the substrate;
 forming a resist layer;
 baking the substrate; and
 removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 14. (New) The molding system of claim 3, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 15. (New) The molding system of claim 3, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the molding system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 16. (New) In a system for molding comprising: placing a substrate having a surface for molding in the system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 17. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.

- 18. (New) The system of claim 16, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 19. (New) In an automolding system having a cleaning apparatus comprising: introducing a substrate having a surface in the automolding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 20. (New) The automolding system of claim 19, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 21. (New) The automolding system of claim 19, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold; and encapsulating the substrate in the automolding system.
- 22. (New) A molding system having a substrate cleaning device comprising: introducing a substrate having a surface in the molding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 23. (New) The molding system of claim 22, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.

- 24. (New) The molding system of claim 22, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the molding system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 25. (New) A system having a cleaning device for molding comprising: introducing a substrate having a surface for molding in the system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 26. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 27. (New) The system of claim 15, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 28. (New) In an automolding system comprising: providing a substrate cleaning device for the automolding system; introducing a substrate having a surface in the automolding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using the cleaning device.
- 29. (New) The automolding system of claim 28, wherein the substrate cleaning device comprises a laser.

- 30. (New) The automolding system of claim 29, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 31. (New) The automolding system of claim 28, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold; and encapsulating the substrate in the automolding system.
- 32. (New) A molding system comprising:
 providing the molding system with a substrate cleaning device;
 introducing a substrate having a surface in the molding system;
 preheating the substrate;
 forming a resist layer;
 baking the substrate; and
 removing contaminants from the substrate using the substrate cleaning devicer.
- 33. (New) The molding system of claim 32, wherein the substrate cleaning device comprises a laser.
- 34. (New) The molding system of claim 33, wherein the substrate cleaning device comprises a laser.
- 35. (New) The molding system of claim 32, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 36. (New) The molding system of claim 32, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the molding system; and encapsulating the substrate.

37. (New) A system for molding comprising:
providing a substrate cleaning device in the system for molding;
introducing a substrate having a surface for molding in the system;
preheating the substrate;
forming a resist layer;
baking the substrate; and
removing contaminants from the substrate using the substrate cleaning device.

- 38. (New) The system of claim 37, wherein the substrate cleaning device comprises a laser.
- 39. (new) The system of claim 38, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 40. (New) The system of claim 37, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the system; and encapsulating the substrate.